

Description	County Planning Board October 14, 2008		
Date	10/14/2008	Location	County Planning Board
Time	Speaker	Note	
6:01:36 PM	President Kerry White	Call to Order. Members present: Kerry White, C.B. Dormire, Don Seifert, Mike McKenna, Deb Robinson, Marianne Jackson Amsden, Pat Davis, and Gail Richardson. Members absent: Byron Anderson and Matt Flikkema. Staff present: Planners Randy Johnson, Warren Vaughan, Chris Scott and Recording Secretary Glenda Howze.	
6:01:45 PM	President Kerry White	Public Comment. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.	
6:01:49 PM	President Kerry White	Approval of September 9, 2008 Minutes.	
6:02:08 PM		The minutes stand approved as written.	
6:02:17 PM	President Kerry White	Planning Department Update.	
6:02:21 PM	Planner Randy Johnson	Director's Report (for Planning Director Greg Sullivan). Tentative schedule for future agendas: <u>October 28th</u> - Public hearing and recommendation for amendment to the subdivision regulations regarding the fire protection plan submittal and approval procedures, presentation by City of Bozeman on the 2020 Plan Update, and board discussion and decision on recommendation to County Commission on the Morgan Family LLC Gravel Pit CUP (not a public hearing); <u>November 12th (Wednesday)</u> - Handout and discussion on DRAFT Growth Policy Implementation Program documents including GPIO overview, AG-160 zoning regulations (including Rural Cluster Development and Transferable Development Opportunities), handout and discussion on DRAFT Four Corners Zoning Regulation, and public meeting and recommendation for transportation related amendments to the subdivision regulations including proportional reimbursement; <u>November 25th</u> - Transportation plan presentation (tentative), Workshop with Board of County Commissioners on AG-160 and Four Corners regulations (tentative), handout of Donut regulations (tentative), and Story Gravel Pit discussion; <u>December 9th</u> - Workshop with Board of County Commissioners on AG-160 regulations and Donut (tentative), handout and discussion on	

		Gateway Neighborhood Plan (tentative), and possibly Nuss Gravel Pit discussion; <u>December 23rd</u> - cancel? Other updates - the Department is staying busy with incoming applications each week and various updates and ongoing project work.
6:11:04 PM		Questions and discussion with staff regarding upcoming agendas and requests for documentation well in advance of each meeting so that Planning Board members can be prepared for discussions.
6:12:27 PM	Planner Randy Johnson	Suggested that a copy of each Planner's monthly update of current projects could be made available to the Planning Board on a regular basis. The Storm Water presentation will have to be continued until after the first of the year.
6:14:17 PM		Continued discussion between Board and staff regarding the agenda items for October, November and December and to what extent the Planning Board will be delving in to each item. Also discussion on the Gravel Pit Task Force and Planning Board role with these applications.
6:21:11 PM	Don Seifert	It [gravel pit] is a seven person task force: Two from the industry, two from neighbors, one from the Manhattan Planning Board, one from the Belgrade Planning Board and one from the County Planning Board. The kick off meeting is on October 20th with the Commission.
6:23:47 PM	President Kerry White	The December 23, 2008 meeting is cancelled unless something pressing comes up between now and then.
6:24:27 PM	President Kerry White	Regular Agenda.
6:24:30 PM	President Kerry White	a. Presentation by the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC) <u>Stormwater Workgroup on Low Impact Development Guidelines for stormwater management</u> . No one was present for this presentation. It was postponed indefinitely.
6:24:35 PM	President Kerry White	<u>b. Committee Reports and Discussion.</u>
6:24:44 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Budget Committee</i> . Byron Anderson unavailable for an update at this time.
6:25:12 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Infrastructure Committee</i> . Transportation plan and appointment to subdivision regulations/transportation changes portion.
6:27:52 PM		Marianne volunteered to serve on the subdivision regulations

		subcommittee to participate in the transportation/trails review portion.
6:29:34 PM	President Kerry White	The trails plan is going to come before us on the 25th [November] - this is the transportation plan that is being developed in cooperation with the City that will come in front of this board for recommendation to the County Commission for adoption. The County will adopt it as an amendment to the Growth Policy.
6:30:39 PM		Discussion with staff regarding availability of the draft plan, information that has been produced to date and timeline on adoption of the plan.
6:37:32 PM	C.B. Dormire	Announced that he will be away for the rest of this month. If a meeting of the subcommittee is necessary; someone else will need to arrange it. .
6:38:54 PM		Discussion with staff regarding the November 12th meeting agenda and substance of discussion and recommendation on the transportation plan and Growth Policy Implementation Program.
6:40:34 PM	Planner Warren Vaughan	Explanation that the agenda item regarding the Four Corners Draft Zoning on November 12th will be a general discussion, not a formal presentation.
6:42:49 PM		The subdivision regulations subcommittee will meet on November 5th to discuss the transportation portion, at 9:00AM.
6:44:27 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Growth Policy Implementation.</i>
6:44:32 PM	Gail Richardson	Reported that the four members on the committee are Byron Anderson, Don Seifert, Marianne Jackson Amsden and herself. Requested that they received copies of the Growth Policy Implementation document ASAP so that they can have one or two meetings before the November 12th meeting. She will communicate via email on dates and times for the meetings. [Don will step down from active participation on this committee until the gravel pit work is complete.]
6:46:44 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Wastewater Subcommittee.</i>
6:46:50 PM	C.B. Dormire	Reported that the subcommittee has finished putting together an outline of the things it feels ought to be covered in this new consulting engineering study that we've been talking about and reserve some money for this in the budget. We authorized Kerry to take the substance of that and discuss it with the Commission to see if we're in sync with them and following that the idea is to develop a

		<p>draft request for proposals, RFP, that would eventually be put out by the County seeking proposals to form the study as we're proposing and bid on the dollars too, with a not to exceed number. With luck they will come in with a number that they can do the work for and be set to go from there. Kerry has scheduled a meeting with the Commissioners on Thursday [October 16th]. We may learn more about that and we may be on the cusp of moving forward with it. The thought was to have that issued before the end of the year, so we are on schedule and for the moment under budget.</p>
6:49:45 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Neighborhood Planning.</i>
6:49:53 PM	Deb Robinson	Noted that she has been involved in other matters and doesn't have an update at this time. Referred to Planner Vaughan for the update.
6:50:27 PM	Planner Warren Vaughan	<p>Provided an update on neighborhood planning. There are three areas with neighborhood planning efforts going on. The Amsterdam/Churchill area is much more ongoing. They have just finalized bylaws, formed a non-profit, have officers, and are doing everything they can to be an incorporated community without incorporating. The way the plan is shaping up right now they have a town area and a rural area within the town. They are having lots of discussions and bringing people in to talk about sewer district, community water, and various other infrastructure items. On the rural side of things, they meet every Monday morning at 6:30AM at the Korner Cafe, Four Corners. There is a good core group of people involved in this planning. They are doing great and getting things done. Four Corners - [Planning Board] will see that regulation in a few weeks. They are 99% done. It is a simple regulation that is almost done. They are almost at the point of handing it off to the County to take it from there. Gallatin Gateway - they just had their formal roll-out of their final draft last week. The reporting done in the Chronicle was very inaccurate.</p>
6:54:16 PM		Question on timeline on the Amsterdam plan. It will probably come forward sometime next spring.
6:54:58 PM		<p>Discussion regarding the inaccuracies in the paper and how to rectify this issue. The reporter in this case agreed to write another article when the plan is more finalized and ensure that the right information is disseminated at that time. Also explanation and discussion about the categories of implementation tools in the Gateway plan (infrastructure, school and partnerships). Note: The neighborhood plans (at least two of them at this time) will be adopted under the Growth Policy. When the zoning for all these areas comes in they will be chapters in the county wide zoning document.</p>

7:01:37 PM		Questions and discussion with staff on the future water and sewer issues in Gateway and the plans for this infrastructure in the future. Also status on inclusion and exclusion from the planning boundary.
7:07:19 PM	C.B. Dormire	Distributed the Gallatin Watershed Sourcebook to all members.
7:08:30 PM	President Kerry White	<i>Trails Update [Gallatin Valley Interconnect].</i>
7:08:39 PM	Marianne Jackson Amsden	Provided an update on the trails work. The Interconnect group is almost done with the trails inventory. A map was displayed. The group talked about making the map part of what is available to the public, available on the website with possibly a "chat" capability. The plan is to also have a copy available in places like the Public Library and other locations in each municipality for people to review and get them thinking about trails and what exists now as part of a marketing effort. They also plan on talking to the press. They are also working with Deb to put together a survey to query the public what their current usages of trails and parks within the cities and the county and possibly get the school system(s) involved in a survey as well. The current map goes as far as Manhattan now but will eventually go to Three Forks.
7:11:40 PM	President Kerry White	Explanation of possible grid chapters and sections within each chapter and explanation of the key on the map. Noted that the subcommittee hopes to have something (draft regulations, funding plans, etc.) ready to present to the public by the spring. The hope is to also incorporate this work into the Growth Policy when appropriate.
7:15:26 PM	President Kerry White	<u>c. Growth Policy Committee Appointments.</u>
7:15:32 PM	President Kerry White	Explanation of difference between the Growth Policy Implementation Policy and the Growth Policy Committee (to revise the Growth Policy). Placed Pat Davis in charge (Chair) of this committee and also placed Mike McKenna and Byron Anderson on the committee. State law requires that the Growth Policy be reviewed and revised every five years. This hasn't been done so there is a question as to whether the County actually has a Growth Policy or not, and without one, it can't have 201 Zoning. This is something that may have to be addressed as the committee progresses with its work on this revision.
7:18:36 PM	Mike McKenna	Comments regarding the economy, construction market, impacts on development, and growth in the future. Pat noted her agreement with Mike's comments.
7:21:30 PM	President	Other Business.

	Kerry White	
7:21:36 PM	Deb Robinson	Distributed a copy of President White's letter to the editor that was in the Chronicle on September 29, 2008. Stated her concern and opinion on the use of [individuals on the Planning Board] role as members and as officers on the Planning Board to endorse, support, or market policies or individuals. Noted that it doesn't represent her individual feelings or the group and it could be interpreted as the President speaking for the board.
7:23:12 PM	President Kerry White	That is my title, it doesn't reflect that I am speaking on behalf of the Board.
7:24:03 PM	Gail Richardson	Noted her agreement with Deb and stated that she does not think that the title should have been used in this type of [document] in the paper.
7:25:14 PM	Mike McKenna	Noted his agreement and stated that he does not think that any members should use their membership in public service to endorse political candidates. Stated that he would not be opposed to a motion that states members should not use their title when endorsing political candidates.
7:27:42 PM	Pat Davis	Noted her agreement with statements made by Mike, and further commented that as private citizens members are free to endorse whoever they believe in, but the title should be left out of it.
7:28:09 PM	Mike McKenna	Noted for the record that Kerry has done a great job as President and couldn't imagine anyone doing a better job.
7:28:51 PM	C.B. Dormire	Stated that he has often been astonished at how letters to the editor were titled and the way the submitter was referred to. Stated that he doesn't read it as it is an endorsement by the Planning Board. Suggested that he does agree that the Board should not individually give the impression that they are speaking on behalf of the Board on any matter. Also stated that he hopes that the board doesn't get into the business of adopting motions on things like this, as the motions might be putting everyone in the position that we are suggesting that we shouldn't be - expressing our views on a political matter. We've all expressed our thoughts and that could be the end of it.
7:31:34 PM	Marianne Jackson Amsden	Stated that this is indicative of an issue that she has been thinking of for a long time, that anytime one of us goes to the press with anything that the Planning Board is discussing, it should be presented to the Planning Board if we are using our title or taking the position of speaking for the Planning Board. Expressed that she is on the fence with this issue but because it is a political issue that perhaps we shouldn't endorse individuals as members of the Planning Board or

		include some type of disclaimer if you are going to use your title.
7:33:00 PM	Don Seifert	Stated that he can't disagree with anything that has been stated.
7:33:19 PM	Deb Robinson	Made a motion: When a Planning Board has not publically elected to assume a particular stance on an issue, no Planning Board member or officer should use their position for the purpose of publically marketing, supporting or the endorsement of any person, organization or policy. I think we ought to go on the record. That is my motion. We should not be in this position of endorsement with our titles.
7:34:02 PM	Gail Richardson	Second.
7:34:07 PM		Board discussion.
7:34:11 PM	Don Seifert	I don't disagree with the sentiment but that almost becomes the same status as a bylaw. It seems that it raises it to a higher standard than what it needs to be. I would vote against the motion, not that I disagree with the intent of the motion but I would vote no on that motion.
7:34:43 PM	Mike McKenna	I would vote against the motion too. I think everyone has the idea of how we feel about whether we should be endorsing candidates and using our title. In the future perhaps that we should monitor that. I agree with C.B.'s rational, so I would vote against the motion.
7:35:21 PM	President Kerry White	Stated that there have been past presidents and presidents of this board that have done this in the paper previously and done so vindictively. I didn't do that. I liken it to any of the elected officials, members of other boards, etc., writing a letter stating their opinions on issues. It doesn't mean that [the author] is representing the whole board. I was elected president and I'm proud to be president and a lot of people in the valley are proud of the fact that I dedicate a lot of time to the valley and try to keep a healthful, safe environment. Noted his work on the board and efforts with long-range planning. It is a slap in the face to criticize my use of my title when I didn't use it to say that the Board is supporting anyone. If you don't want me to use my title in the paper, I'm fine with that. Noted association with other organizations and relationship with the candidate that he was supporting in the letter. If you want to proceed with a vote on the motion, from the discussion that was put forth in here, I don't think I'm going to allow a vote on that motion on the floor. I'll just take it under consideration and comply with the request of most of the discussion I've had on the board.
7:38:57 PM		Meeting adjourned.
7:39:06 PM		Discussion regarding the last item continued.

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